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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 260X)

July 9, 2008

ABANDONMENT TYPE	
The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:	
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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on June 6, 2008, for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended three environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
- 2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Omaha District (Corps) regarding its requirements and, if applicable, shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.
- 3. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) shall consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Region 6) in order to ensure that removal and salvage activities are conducted in a manner that avoids or minimizes impacts to migratory birds.

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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